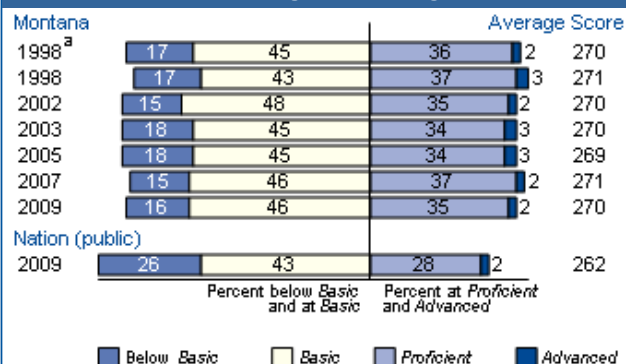


## Overall Results

- In 2009, the average score of eighth-grade students in Montana was 270. This was higher than the average score of 262 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in Montana in 2009 (270) was not significantly different from their average score in 2007 (271) and was not significantly different from their average score in 1998 (271).
- In 2009, the score gap between students in Montana at the 75th percentile and students at the 25th percentile was 38 points. This performance gap was not significantly different from that of 1998 (39 points).
- The percentage of students in Montana who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 38 percent in 2009. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2007 (39 percent) and was not significantly different from that in 1998 (40 percent).
- The percentage of students in Montana who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 84 percent in 2009. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2007 (85 percent) and was not significantly different from that in 1998 (83 percent).

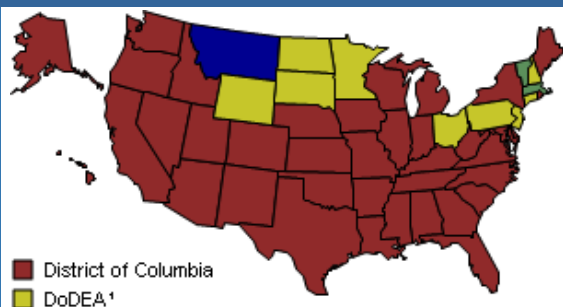
## Achievement-Level Percentages and Average Score Results



<sup>a</sup> Accommodations not permitted.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.

## Compare the Average Score in 2009 to Other States/Jurisdictions

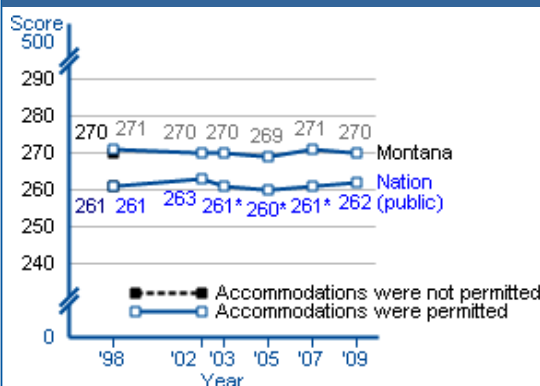


<sup>1</sup> Department of Defense Education Activity schools (domestic and overseas).

In 2009, the average score in **Montana** was

- lower than those in 2 states/jurisdictions
- higher than those in 39 states/jurisdictions
- not significantly different from those in 10 states/jurisdictions

## Average Scores for State/Jurisdiction and Nation (public)



\* Significantly different ( $p < .05$ ) from 2009.

## Results for Student Groups in 2009

Reporting Groups	Percent of students	Avg. score	Percentages at or above		Percent at Advanced
			Basic	Proficient	
Gender					
Male	51	265	79	30	1
Female	49	276	88	45	3
Race/Ethnicity					
White	85	273	86	40	2
Black	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
Hispanic	2	‡	‡	‡	‡
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
American Indian/Alaska Native	10	253	64	20	1
National School Lunch Program					
Eligible	34	261	75	26	1
Not eligible	66	275	88	44	3

‡ Reporting standards not met.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding, and because the "Information not available" category for the National School Lunch Program, which provides free/reduced-price lunches, and the "Unclassified" category for race/ethnicity are not displayed.

## Score Gaps for Student Groups

- In 2009, female students in Montana had an average score that was higher than that of male students.
- Data are not reported for Black students in 2009, because reporting standards were not met.
- Data are not reported for Hispanic students in 2009, because reporting standards were not met.
- In 2009, students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch, an indicator of low income, had an average score that was 14 points lower than that of students who were not eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (17 points).

NOTE: Statistical comparisons are calculated on the basis of unrounded scale scores or percentages.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), various years, 1998–2009 Reading Assessments.